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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

THEY STRIKE IN THE NAME OF LOVE...
**BROTHER AND SISTER
POWER AND SUN!**

WHO
ARE THEY?
WHAT ARE THEY?
WILL SPIDEY AND
FLASH THOMPSON
LIVE TO FIND
OUT!?



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

STAN LEE PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

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NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK, WHERE TWO FRIENDS--PETER PARKER AND FLASH THOMPSON--TAKE A DAY AWAY FROM THEIR STUDIES FOR A WORKOUT ON THE TENNIS COURTS, UN-AWARE THAT THIS DAY WILL END IN AN ENCOUNTER WITH...

BROTHER POWER. SISTER SUN!

SHA-SHAN...MARRIED!* THINKING ABOUT HER SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY MEANINGFUL THING IN MY LIFE SINCE I GOT BACK FROM VIETNAM! NOTHING...NOT SCHOOL--

--OR MY ROOMMATE HARRY OSBORN'S PROBLEMS WITH LIZ ALLEN-- SEEMS TO MATTER!

NOW I KNOW THAT I NEVER EVEN HAD A CHANCE WITH HER--!

YIPE! MY MAIN REASON FOR PLAYING--

SPAK!

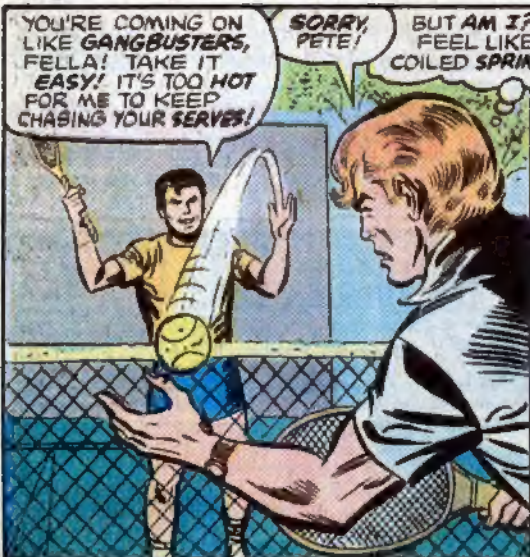
--WAS TO SEE HOW MY ARM HAD HEALED!*** NO ONE SAID IT WOULD BE A BLOOD MATCH!

SHEESH, HERO--IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK THE OBJECT OF THIS GAME WAS TO KNOCK PARKER'S BLOCK OFF AND WIN A KENPIE DOLL!

***FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #173. --ARCH AGAIN.

*SEE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #8. --ARCH.

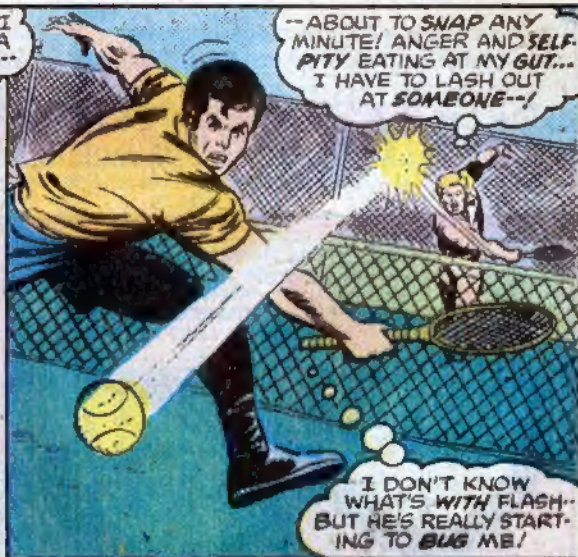
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YOU'RE COMING ON LIKE GANGBUSTERS, FELLA! TAKE IT EASY! IT'S TOO HOT FOR ME TO KEEP CHASING YOUR SERVES!

SORRY, PETE!

BUT AM I? I FEEL LIKE A COILED SPRING--



--ABOUT TO SNAP ANY MINUTE! ANGER AND SELF-PITY EATING AT MY GUT... I HAVE TO LASH OUT AT SOMEONE--!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WITH FLASH-- BUT HE'S REALLY STARTING TO BUG ME!



WITH MY SPIDER-SENSE AND AGILITY, I COULD RETURN HIS SERVES SO FAST HIS HEAD WOULD SWIM...BUT I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK--

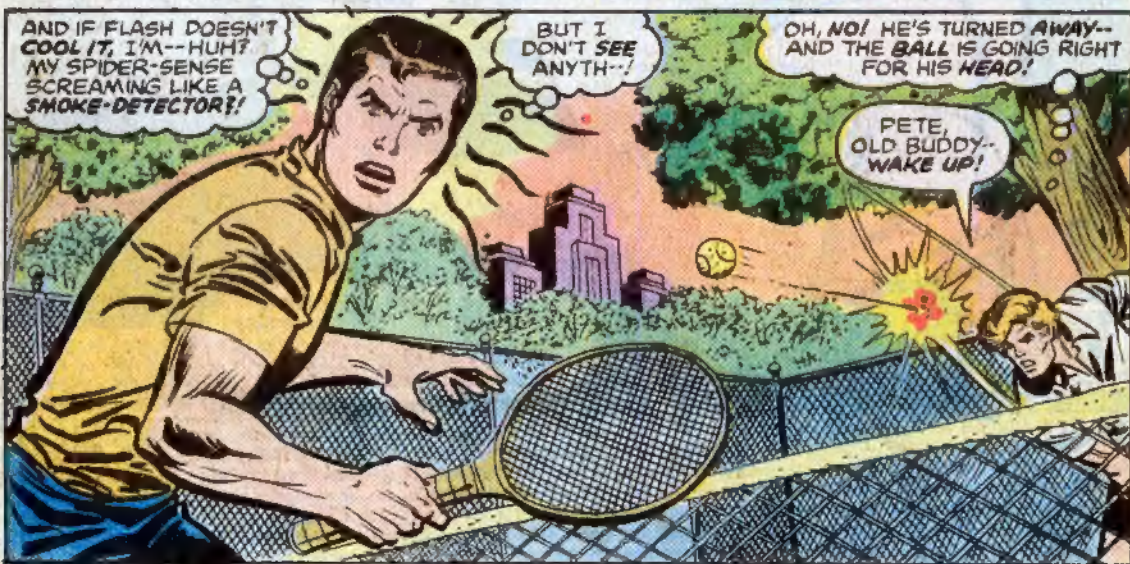
--TRYING TO FORGET SUPER-HERDING TODAY BY JUST BEING ME!

SPTAK



BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH LIKE OUR OLD HIGH SCHOOL DAYS...WHEN WE WERE RIVALS!

WHISH!

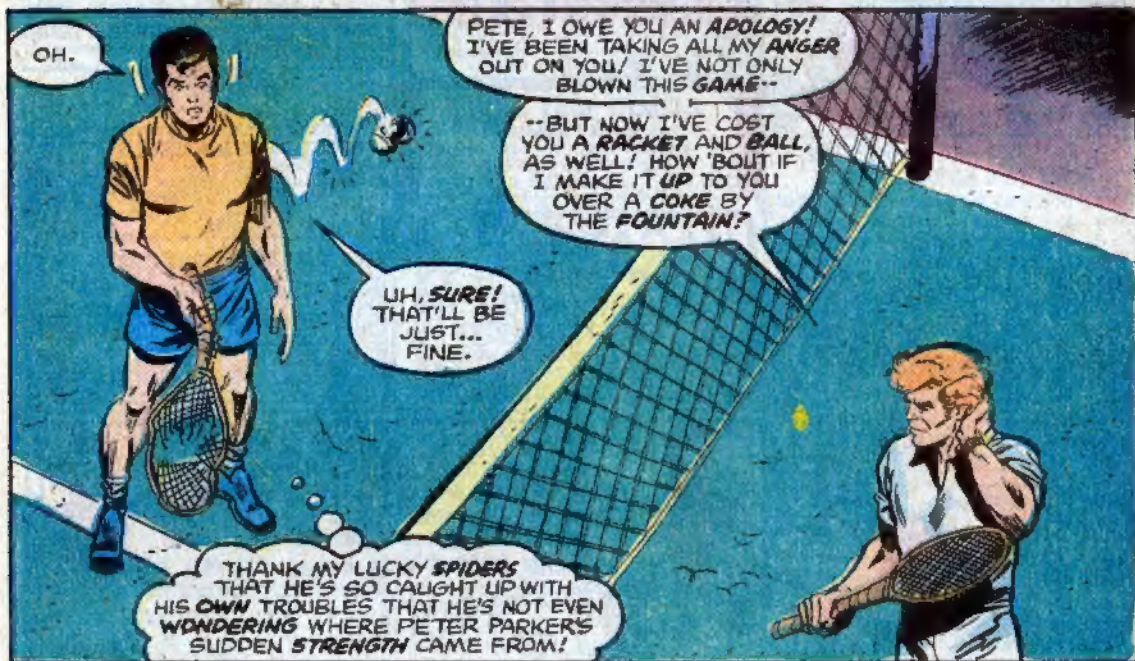


AND IF FLASH DOESN'T COOL IT, I'M--HUH? MY SPIDER-SENSE SCREAMING LIKE A SMOKE-DETECTOR!?

BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTH--!

OH, NO! HE'S TURNED AWAY-- AND THE BALL IS GOING RIGHT FOR HIS HEAD!

PETE, OLD BUDDY-- WAKE UP!



AS THE CROWD PASSES,
TOTALLY OBVIOUS OF
PETE AND FLASH...

THEY'RE HEADING FOR
THE BANDSHELL! WHAT
SAY WE TAG ALONG
AND SEE WHAT ITS
ALL ABOUT?

YOU GO ON AHEAD,
FLASH. JUST IN CASE
THEY DO SOMETHING
NEWSWORTHY--

--I WANT TO GET MY
CAMERA LOADED!

DON'T LET
'EM CONVERT
YOU TILL I GET
THERE!

AND, WHEN FLASH HAS GONE AHEAD...

CAMERA'S ALREADY SET, BUT I
WANTED TO GRAB MY SPIDEY
COSTUME FROM MY PHOTO-BAG
AND FIND A NICE SHELTERED SPOT--

--WHERE PETER
PARKER CAN CHANGE
WITHOUT GETTING AR-
RESTED AS THE CENTRAL
PARK STREAKER!

AND THEN SPIDER-
MAN CAN CHECK
WHAT ABOUT THAT
GROUP SET HIS
SPIDER-SENSE TO
TINGLING!

WHILE
AT THE
BAND-
SHELL...

HMM. LOOKS LIKE A CROSS
BETWEEN A REVIVAL MEETING
AND A COSTUME PARTY. OH
WELL, ONLY IN NEW YORK...

WHAT IS THE LIGHT,
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS?

THE LIGHT IS LOVE,
BROTHER!

LET THE
LIGHT SHINE,
BROTHER!

LOVE AND LIGHT
ARE THE POWER--

--AND THE
POWER MAKES
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS OF US
ALL! THUS I
COME TO YOU
AS--

**"BROTHER
POWER!"**

CRIPES! YOU COULD CLAIM YOU FOUND
CHEESE BY-PRODUCTS IN MOON ROCKS
IN THIS TOWN... AND WIND UP WITH A
FOLLOWING IN NO TIME! I'D BETTER
FIND PETE--

--AND
TELL HIM TO SAVE HIS FILM!

NOT EVEN
J. JONAH JAMESON
WOULD WANT A PITS
STORY LIKE THIS!

...I COME TO SHOW
YOU THE POWER THAT
EXISTS WHEN LOVE AND
LIGHT MINGLE AND FLOW--

--EVEN AS IT FLOWS
FROM SHE WHO STANDS
BESIDE ME... NAMED
FOR THE GREATEST
LIGHT OF ALL!

I COME TO YOU
TO SHOW AND
SHARE THE LIGHT
OF LOVE... AND
ITS POWER!

I COME AS
**SISTER
SUN!**

FOR FLASH
THOMPSON, IT'S
AS IF THE WORLD
HAD JUST STOPPED
IN MID-ORBIT... AS
IF THE PAST HAD
CAUGHT UP WITH
THE PRESENT AND
WAS CRASHING
ABOUT HIS HEAD!

I--I
KNOW
THAT
VOICE--!

INDEED HE DOES--
FOR HE FIRST
HEARD IT IN A
TEMPLE IN VIETNAM
... A PLACE ON NO
MAP... A SACRED
PLACE-- DESTROYED
BY UNCARING
AMERICAN BOMBS!

AND SHE WHO
SPEAKS WITH
THAT VOICE
ONCE SAVED
HIS LIFE!

SHA-SHAN!

WHO--?!

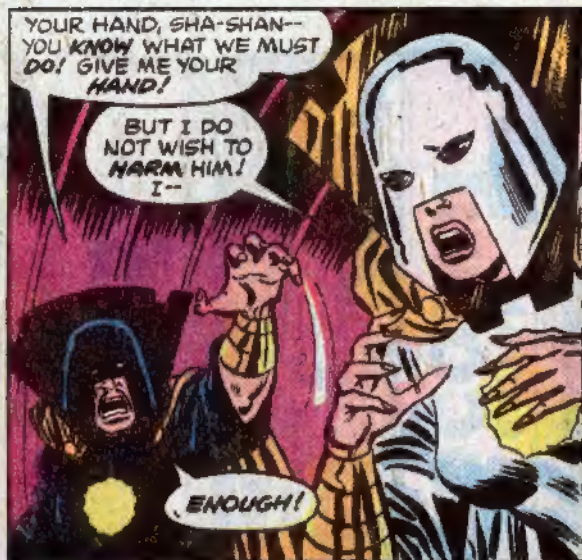
F-FLASH!

HER VOICE CONFIRMS
IT, AND HEARING HER
YET AGAIN, THE YOUNG
VETERAN LETS LOOSE
THE TURMOIL IN HIS
SOUL!

WHAT'S GOING ON? SHA-
SHAN, FOR LORD'S SAKE--
WHAT'S THAT CRUMMY
HUSBAND OF YOURS
MAKING YOU DO??

HE--HE'S
TRYING TO
HARM
BROTHER
POWER!

STOP HIM,
BROTHERS--

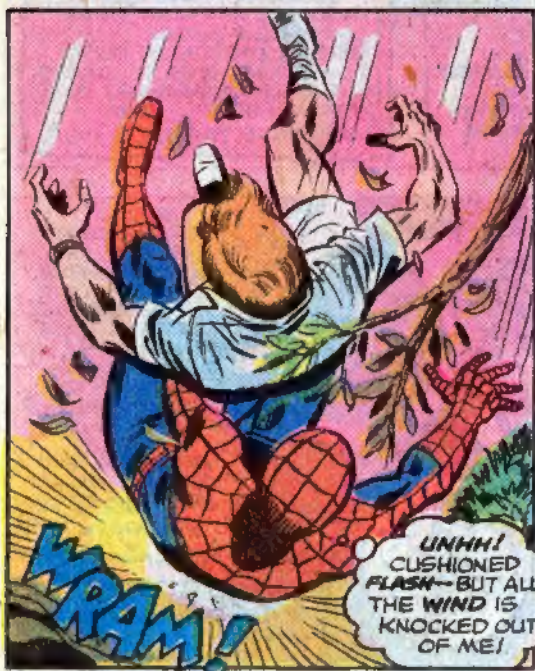


BUT, BEFORE SPIDEY CAN RESPOND...

AGAIN, SISTER SUN--
LET FLOW THE POWER!

ZRAM!

HOLY-- IT LOOKS
LIKE LIGHT... BUT
IT HITS LIKE A
PHYSICAL FORCE!
WE'RE FALLING!



UNHH!
CUSHIONED
FLASH-- BUT ALL
THE WIND IS
KNOCKED OUT
OF ME!



SPIDEY-- HE SAVED ME,
NOW I'VE GOT TO GIVE
HIM A CHANCE TO
RECOVER BEFORE--!

AGGHH!

ZAP!

THEY COULDN'T
CARE LESS ABOUT
ME! IT'S FLASH
THEY'RE AFTER!

*AT LEAST BROTHER POWER IS! SISTER SUN SEEMS
TO BE HOLDING BACK!



*BUT, IF SHE'S THE
SAME SHIA-SHAN WHO
SAVED FLASH'S LIFE
IN VIETNAM-- AND
AGAIN IN NEW YORK
WHEN HE WAS KID-
NAPPED BY RELIGIOUS
FANATICS-- **

*SHOWN IN
AMAZING
SPIDER-
MAN #108
#109--ARCH.

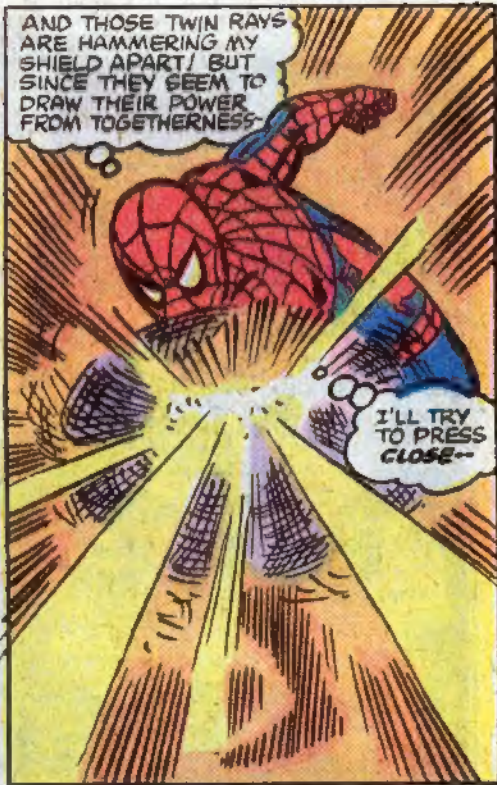


--WHY WOULD
SHE BE
AGAINST HIM
NOW?

UNLESS SHE'S BEING
FORCED INTO IT--AND BEEN
GIVEN SOME KIND OF POWER
--BY THAT BIG BRUISER
WITH HER!

GOT TO SHIELD
FLASH BEFORE
THEY GET TO
HIM AGAIN!

HEY--
THAT
HURT!

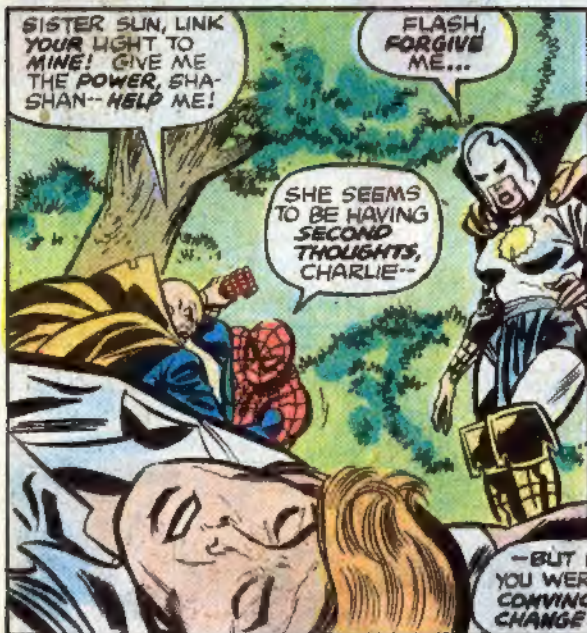




MY STRENGTH IS THE
EQUAL OF ANY GUIDED
BY THE FORCES OF
DARKNESS!

FOR A PUBLIC PARK
PONTIFICATOR YOU
PACK QUITE A LINE,
BALDY--

--BUT I'M
NOT ONE OF YOUR
WIDE-EYED
WONDERS, SO
SPARE ME THE
SERMONS!



SISTER SUN, LINK
YOUR LIGHT TO
MINE! GIVE ME
THE POWER, SHA-
SHAN--HELP ME!

FLASH,
FORGIVE
ME...

SHE SEEMS
TO BE HAVING
SECOND
THOUGHTS,
CHARLIE--

--BUT IN CASE
YOU WERE ABOUT TO
CONVINCE HER TO
CHANGE HER MIND--



--I THINK I'LL JUST
TAKE OUT TWO BIRDS
WITH ONE CHROME-
DOMED STONE!

OHHHH!!

SHA-SHAN,
LOOK OUT!

TOO
LATE--



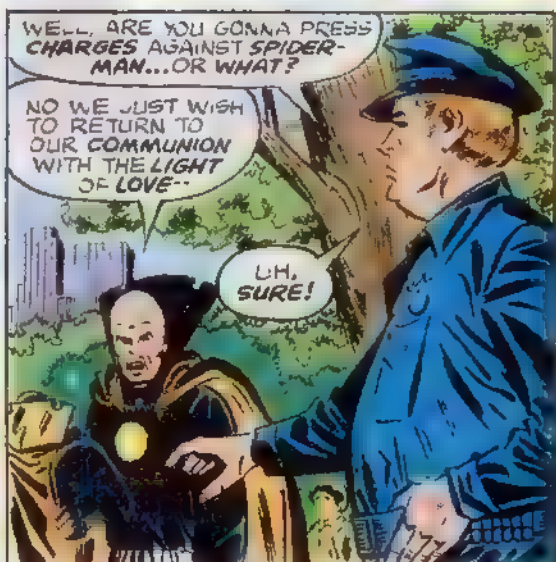
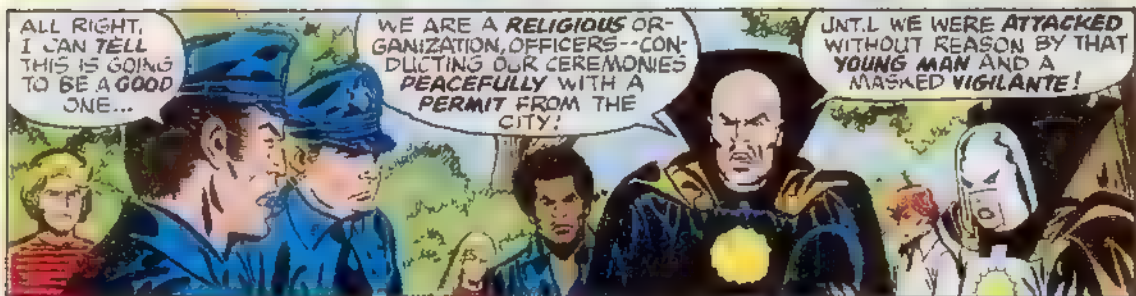
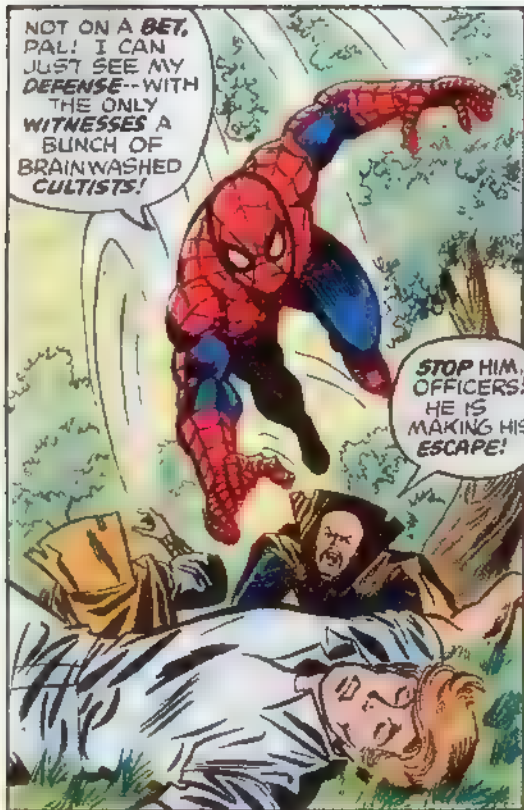
--BUT BEFORE SPIDEY CAN PRESS HIS ADVANTAGE...

OH, NO--
JUST WHAT
I NEED!

THAT'S HIM,
OFFICERS! HE
ATTACKED A
LEGAL
GATHERING!

HOLD IT RIGHT
THERE, WALL-
CRAWLER!
WE'VE LET
YOU SLIDE BY
IN THE PAST--

--BUT YOU'VE
REALLY DONE
IT THIS
TIME! YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!





SHEESH, IT TAKES ALL KINDS TO MAKE A WORLD, O'DONNELL!

'TIS THE BIG APPLE, PULASKI! THOUGH, T' MY WAY O' THINKIN', THESE BOYOS HAVE LESS T'DO WITH FRUIT--

--THAN NUTS!

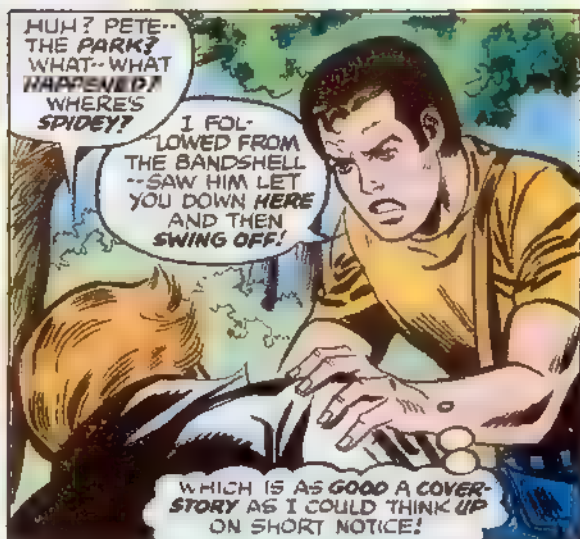
COME, SISTERS AND BROTHERS!



WHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

FLASH? HEY SNAP OUT OF IT, FELLA!

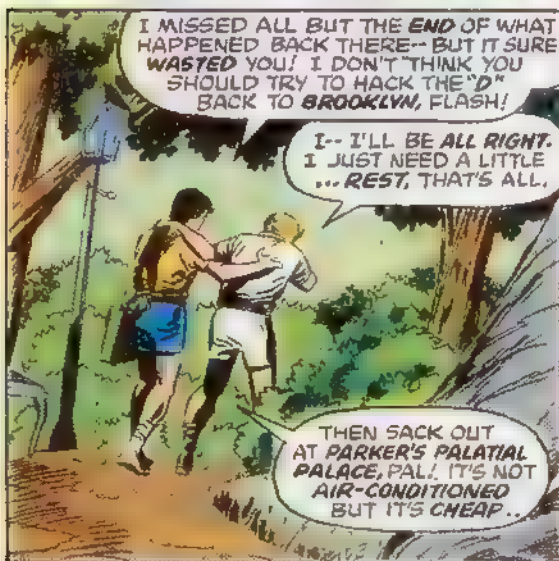
GOTTA WARN... TEMPLE! TELL 'EM ABOUT BOMBING-- TELL...SHA-SHAN!



HUH? PETE-- THE PARK? WHAT--WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S SPIDEY?

I FOLLOWED FROM THE BANDSHELL --SAW HIM LET YOU DOWN HERE AND THEN SWING OFF!

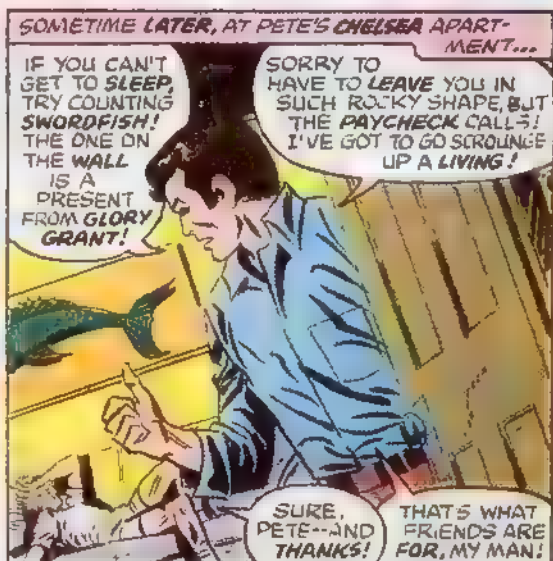
WHICH IS AS GOOD A COVER-STORY AS I COULD THINK UP ON SHORT NOTICE!



I MISSED ALL BUT THE END OF WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE-- BUT IT SURE WASTED YOU! I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD TRY TO HACK THE "D" BACK TO BROOKLYN, FLASH!

I-- I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I JUST NEED A LITTLE ...REST, THAT'S ALL.

THEN SACK OUT AT PARKER'S PALATIAL PALACE, PAL! IT'S NOT AIR-CONDITIONED BUT IT'S CHEAP...



SOMETIME LATER, AT PETE'S CHELSEA APARTMENT...

IF YOU CAN'T GET TO SLEEP, TRY COUNTING SWORDFISH! THE ONE ON THE WALL IS A PRESENT FROM GLORY GRANT!

SORRY TO HAVE TO LEAVE YOU IN SUCH ROCKY SHAPE, BUT THE PAYCHECK CALLS! I'VE GOT TO GO SCROUNGE UP A LIVING!

SURE, PETE--AND THANKS!

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR, MY MAN!

HOWEVER IT IS NOT THE DAILY BUGLE WHICH DRAWS PETE UPTOWN, BUT THE HALLS OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY'S SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE FINDS...




PROF. NUTTON-- CAN I TALK WITH YOU A MINUTE?

AH, PARKER! I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SPEAKING TO ME--

--AFTER THAT GRADE I HAD TO GIVE YOU LAST SEMESTER!

NO SWEAT! I'M GRADUALLY MAKING IT ALL UP IN NIGHT SCHOOL, BUT I'LL NEVER BE RATED GENIUS AT ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF A SCIENCE LAB!

AND, IN PROF. HUTTON'S OFFICE...



YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY THESIS ON QUASI-RELIGIOUS AND SELF-HELP GROUPS OF THE SEVENTIES?

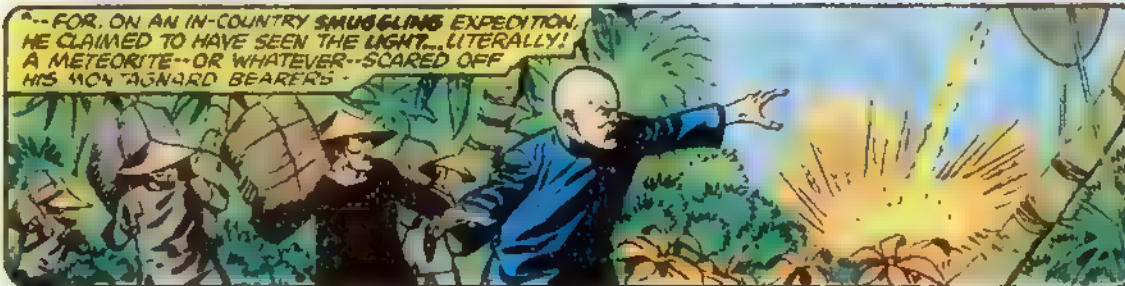
ONE IN PARTICULAR SIR-- THE LEGION OF LIGHT!

HAMMM, YES! THEY'RE NEW HERE...NOT MUCH ATTENTION PAID THEM BY THE MEDIA AS YET-- BUT FRIENDS OF MINE ON THE COAST SAY THEY'RE GETTING BIG OUT THERE! MAIN FIGURE SEEMS TO BE--

"--ONE ACHMED KORBA! DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, HE RAN A POPULAR RESTAURANT IN SAIGON. RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE PLACE SERVED AS A FRONT FOR SAUUGGLING AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES."

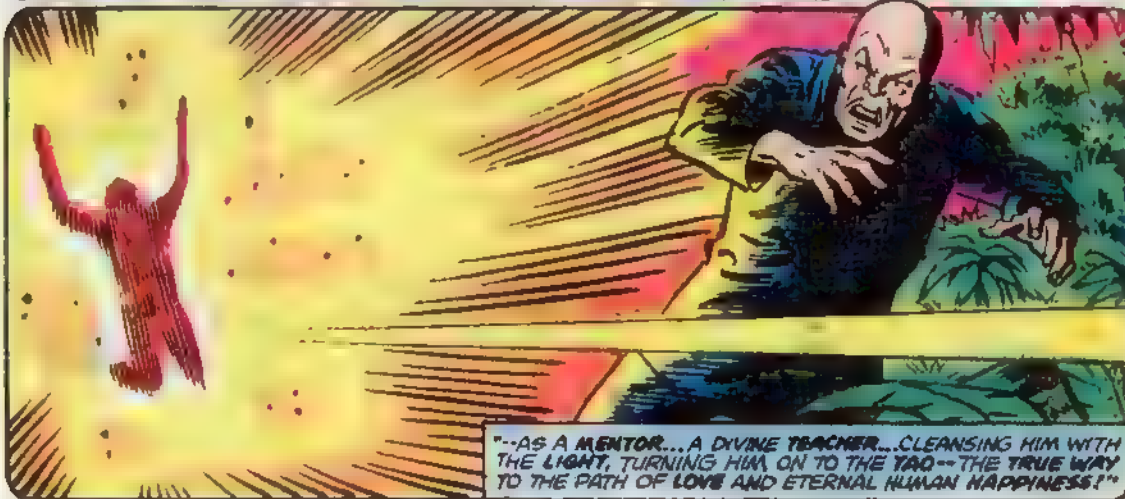


"AT ANY RATE, KORBA DOESN'T DENY A SHADY PAST--

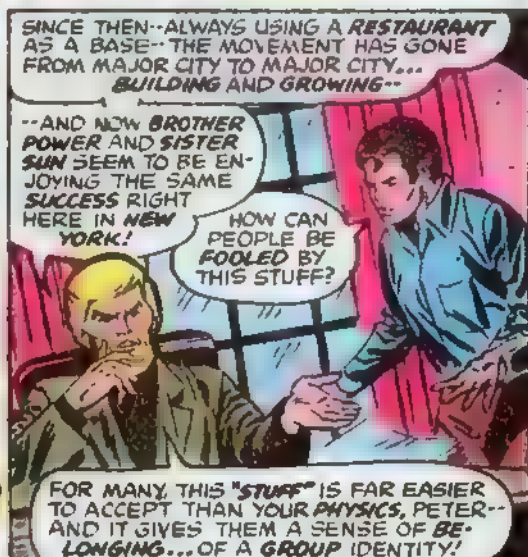
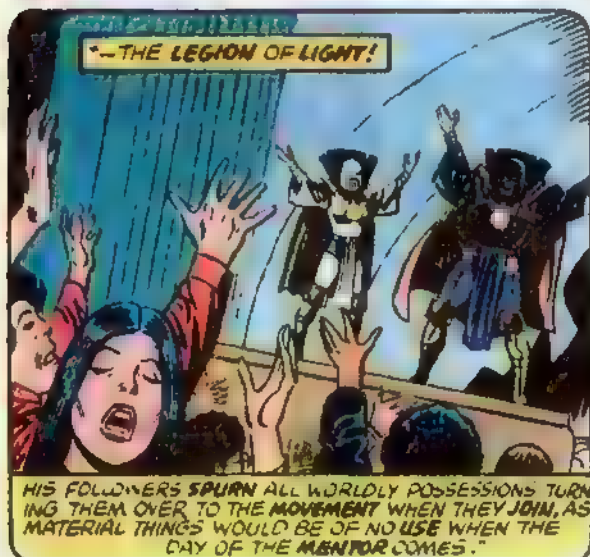
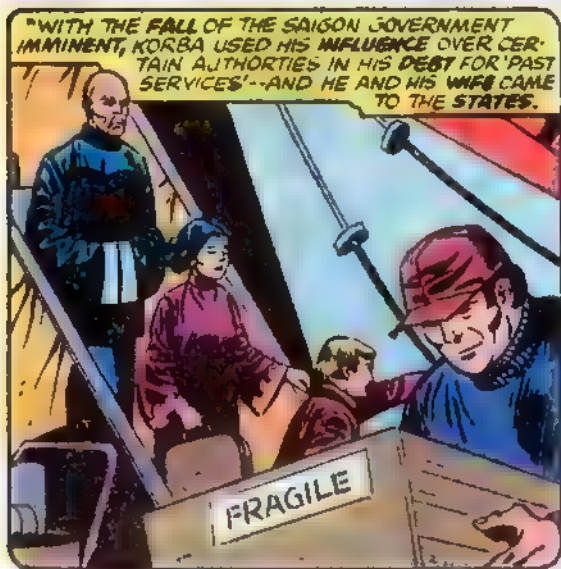
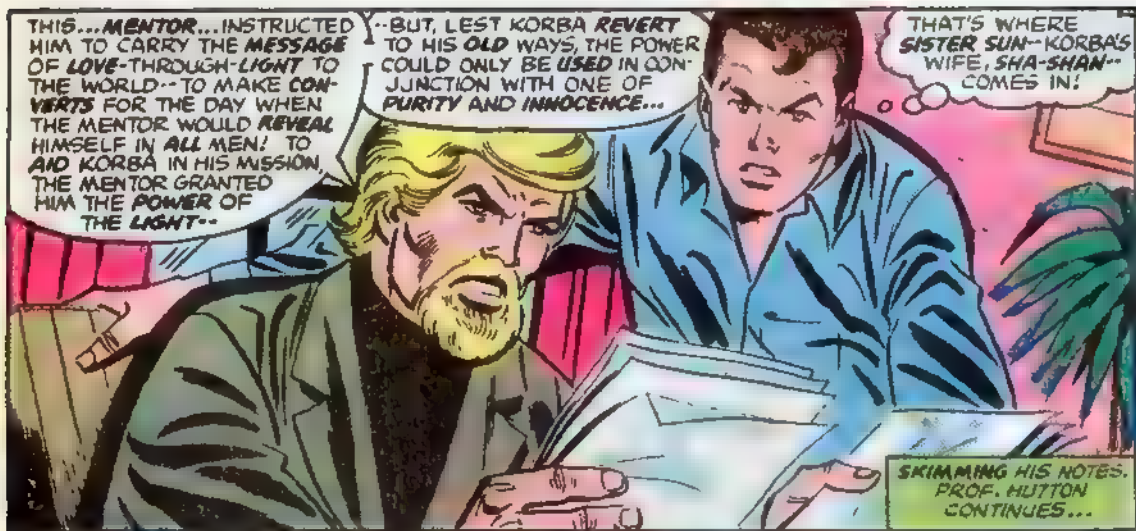


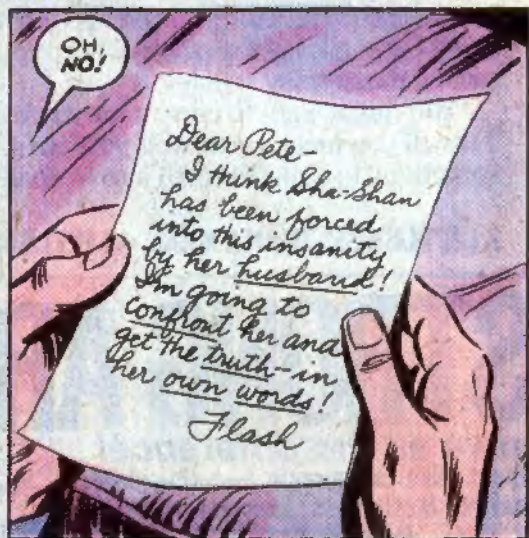
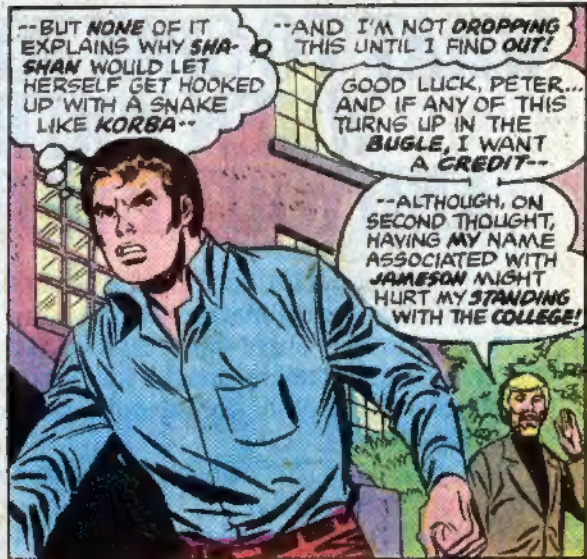
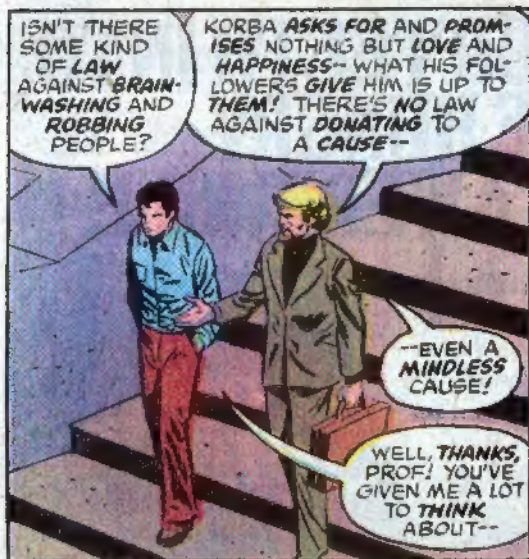
"--FOR, ON AN IN-COUNTRY SMUGGLING EXPEDITION, HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT...LITERALLY! A METEORITE--OR WHATEVER--SCARED OFF HIS NON AGWARD BEARERS--

"--BUT KORBA DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE AND, IN THE BLINDING LIGHT OF THE THING'S AFTERGLOW, BEHELD--OR SO HE SAYS--A VISION OF A MYSTIC OR ALIEN BEING, THOUGH THE CULT LITERATURE DOESN'T GET OVERLY SPECIFIC! BUT SOMEONE...OR SOME THING...SPOKE TO KORBA--



"--AS A MENTOR...A DIVINE TEACHER...CLEANSING HIM WITH THE LIGHT, TURNING HIM ON TO THE YAO--THE TRUE WAY TO THE PATH OF LOVE AND ETERNAL HUMAN HAPPINESS!"





IT'S A SHORT SWING FROM CHELSEA TO THE LOWER TIP OF MANHATTAN, THE AREA AROUND CITY HALL, WHERE...

THIS IS THE BUILDING THAT HOUSES KORBA'S RESTAURANT--

--AND I DON'T NEED SPIDER-SENSE TO TELL ME THAT I'M EAVESDROPPING ON FLASH AND...

...SHA-SHAN, YOU CAN'T BE HAPPY WITH THIS KIND OF LIFE! YOU CAN'T!

MY PATH HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR ME, FLASH--

--IT CANNOT BE ALTERED NOW! FOR ME EVEN TO SEE YOU WAS A MISTAKE--BRINGING ONLY PAIN TO US BOTH!

PLEASE... YOU HAVE STAYED TOO LONG!

NUTS! YOU'RE BEING USED BY THIS KORBA CREEP--

--AND I'M NOT GOING UNTIL I HEAR YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE IN THIS LEGION OF LIGHT JUNK... UNTIL YOU SAY YOU LOVE HIM!

Z--!

SUDDENLY...

YOU DARE TO RETURN HERE?! YOU FOOL--

--I WARNED YOU ONCE, ALLOWED YOU TO LEAVE WITH YOUR LIFE--

--BUT NOW YOU WILL SUFFER THE FATE OF ANY DISBELIEVING INTERLOPER!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU BIG-- UKKK!

ACHMED, NO-- YOU MUSTN'T!



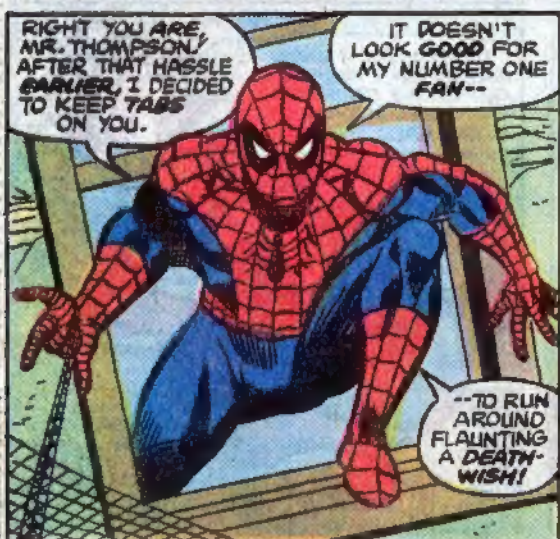
W-HY!!

BUT, BEFORE THE DAZED FLASH THOMPSON CAN COLLUDE WITH APARTMENT WALL...IN THE NAME OF "LOVE..."



THWAP!

HUH? A WEB-NET... SPIDEY!



RIGHT YOU ARE MR. THOMPSON! AFTER THAT HASSLE EARLIER, I DECIDED TO KEEP TABS ON YOU.

IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD FOR MY NUMBER ONE FAN--

--TO RUN AROUND FLAUNTING A DEATH-WISH!



SHA-SHAN-- DON YOUR HELMET! THIS ONE IS A DANGER TO OUR CAUSE--

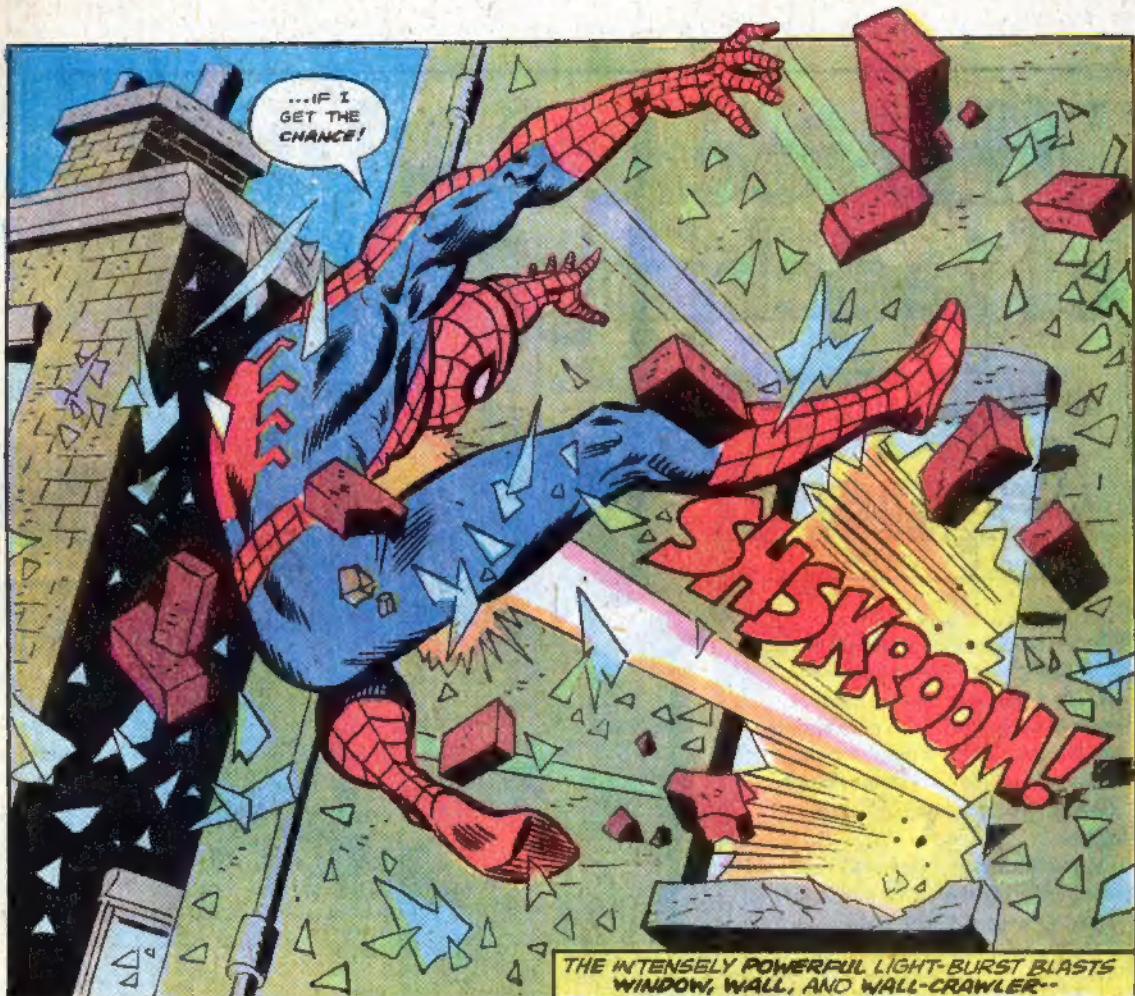
--AND MUST BE DEALT WITH SWIFTLY! GRASP MY HAND, WOMAN!

HMM, IF I REMEMBER-- AS FAR BACK AS THIS AFTERNOON--



--HOLDING HANDS IS YOUR CUTE LITTLE WAY OF TRIGGERING A LIGHT-BURST FROM THE SUN SYMBOLS ON YOUR CHESTS!

SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS COVER THEM WITH WEBBING--

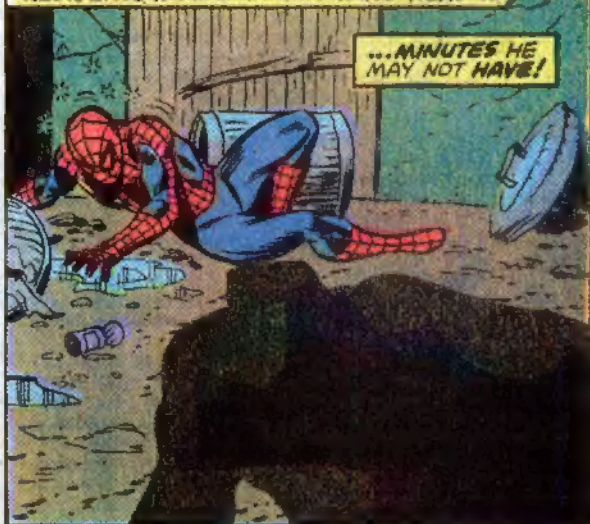


THE INTENSELY POWERFUL LIGHT-BURST BLASTS WINDOW, WALL, AND WALL-CRAWLER--

--AND SMASHES SPIDEY DOWN IN A HAIL OF DEBRIS TO THE TRASH-STREWN ALLEY BELOW!



--BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME MINUTES TO SHAKE OUT THE PERCUSSION SECTION THAT HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE INSIDE HIS POUNDING HEAD...



NEXT
ISSUE:

RAZORBACK! PLUS: THE SECRET
SHA-SHAM!